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To Whom It May concern,
A Citizens Opinion:

Lighten up on Microsoft. They are to the future what Steel was to the Industrial Revolution. This is not an issue for a slighted individual judges anger, nor emotional ploys used by competitors to gain public sympathy (even if in some part meritorious) to let important little tug boats run the great liner onto the rocks.

Microsoft is led by people who have absolutely no need for Money. This fact should help in evaluating motive. I believe these people simply enjoy exercising their agile brains, and have basic decency, and hope for a better world. They are reasonable scientist/businessmen, and have no more interest in simply playing life away in the pastures of pleasure, than Einstein, Newton, or DaVinci. These maligned Microsoft executives are in fact society's, in the flesh, Santa Claus, and will be remembered thousands of years from now for bring us out of the dark ages.

Lets not mistake these great people of our era, for the Robber Barrons of yester-year. Help them help us all have a better, and better world. They have proven themselves a brilliant diamond passing light with all but a magical ability to heal in every walk of life. Look at the innovation, direct and indirect that we have seen in the last ten years. Get sick, go into a hospital, and just try to imagine how much of your stay is somehow touched by software. That's just one field. What about metalurgy? Factory automation? Engineering design. Government resourses. Military implimentation. Education. The stock market. Scientific research. And we're just at the beginning.

Miracle Microsoft.. because from small beginnings we have witnessed the human seed that will continue to Spawn a new world, long, long.. long, after we are all gone. So we'd better be right in how we cradle this gifted child, and design the structure in which we allow it to grow, healthly. History will look back and say these where the Geniuses that got it right, just as we look back on the lightbulb and the facilities brought to every site to be able to use them, and all things electric. By the simple logical growth set about by the good deeds of these great people, we may someday have "The one BEST Physics teacher in the world.. in every highschool classroom, with teachers of today serving as tutors, while the fundamentals are established by world class expertise aided by personality, graphics, and professional production aids. Most of us had mediocre to TERRIBLE teachers in ALL the sciences in highschool, didn't we? This is wasting our mental resourses and creating pain and a sense of inferiority, in otherwise smart kids who don't realize what happend to them.

With innovators such as these, we may someday accomplish communication with the public to the point that State Governments, holy grail that they currently are, may come to look like expensive redundancy. We may see a world

where false boundaries on a map do not provide motive to kill off people on the other side. With communication.. the world becomes more homogenized, less dangerous, and one people. That's what we really are, here on "spaceship earth". It's hard to imagine warring with Japan or Germany.. now. What has changed? We are now interdependent. How did that happen. How do we implement it? Could it even exist without...software? Could we keep track of it all?

Ask yourself what YOU are personally doing to accomplish these wonderful spin-Offs. If you're like me, the answer is.. well personally.. NOTHING. Please help educate those you influence to the beauty of the greater picture of our lifetimes. To the extent rules are needed for competitions health, make them with input from both sides, but don't introduce a welfare state for business, that gives a false handicap at the expense of our strongest warrior. This is not a game. Nicey-nice has no more place here than on a battlefield, and most of us have little if any hands on experience in the mud, like the guys who roll up their sleeves at Microsoft every day to take on the hardest intellectual challenges we can't even imagine, for the fun of it. Strange people. Strange love. I'll take it.

Thanks for your time,

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